STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL

Re: Revision of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information and Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices in the 5 GHz Band, Memorandum Opinion and Order, ET Docket No. 03-122

I am pleased to support this item, which adopts a revised compliance measurement procedure for certifying devices operating in the 5 GHz band. I especially acknowledge the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology (OET), as well as the members of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee – Radiocommunication (ITAC-R), for completing this challenging and technically difficult project. This government-industry partnership is a wonderful example of the myriad benefits that can result from cooperative collaboration, such as: protection to government users, certainty to manufacturers seeking to design and market new equipment, more robust use of the spectrum band, and delivery of new wireless broadband services to American consumers. I thank everyone involved.